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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of medical centres that have been registered in Sri Lanka under the names of Doctors;
 - (ii) of the numbers of such medical centres according to the basis of their registration, i.e. whether as full-time or part-time, separately?
- (b) Will she also inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which a census was last conducted in respect of the numbers of private medical centres belonging to doctors;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to conduct a census again; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) Will she state—
 - (i) what legal measures can be taken against running a private medical centre without a certificate of registration; and
 - (ii) the number of unregistered medical centres that have been brought before the law during the past two years?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

41/'20

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. was established;
 - (ii) of the initial objectives of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.;
 - (iii) separately of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the persons who were members of the Board of Directors of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its establishment to its last Board of Directors along with salaries and other benefits received by them;

(2)

- (iv) separately of the annual loss incurred by the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its beginning;
- (v) of the names of government institutions from which loans were obtained by the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. and the names of government institutions to which is to settle loans along with the amounts obtained as loans; and
- (vi) of the steps that will be taken by the government regarding the future of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.?

(b) If not, why?

3.

69/20

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the basic educational qualifications that are taken into consideration when the teachers are recruited to the Pirivena educational institutes;
- (ii) whether there is a shortage of teachers in the Pirivena educational institutes at present;
- (iii) if so, the number of teachers' shortage; and
- (iv) of the steps that have been taken to uplift the Pirivena education by the Pirivena education unit in the Ministry of Education?

(b) If not, why?

4.

2/20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the pavilions at the Galle International Cricket Stadium are in a dilapidated condition; and
- (ii) it may lead the Stadium to a state in which may not be suitable to play international matches in future?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the numbers of international matches played at the Galle International Cricket Grounds in the years 2016, 2017 and 2018, separately;
- (ii) the incomes generated from those matches; and
- (iii) the amounts allocated for the affairs of the Stadium in each such year separately?

(c) Will she state—

- (i) whether the government has taken steps to develop this Stadium; and
- (ii) if so, what those steps are?

(d) If not, why?

(3)

5.

42/'20

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of local milk powder factories in the Uva Province;
 - (ii) names and addresses of the said factories;
 - (iii) the output of these factories up to now in respect of each year since the year 2015 up to now;
 - (iv) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to solve the problems faced at present by the local milk powder factories in the Uva province?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

70/'20

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Dhamma schools registered within Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the benefits provided to Dhamma school teachers by the government; and
 - (iii) of the programmes planned for these volunteer Dhamma school teachers in order to uplift the Dhamma education?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, January 22, 2020
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

3/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME) in Qatar has imposed new regulations that all the professional engineers working under that government need to register under that Ministry;
 - (ii) the professionals who do not register will be subjected to a three years imprisonment or a fine of 100 000 riyal;
 - (iii) Sri Lanka too has obtained this MME approval only for a few educational institutions;
 - (iv) there are more institutions in Sri Lanka that can be included in this MME list;
 - (v) countries like India and Philippines have registered institutions that are low in quality and employment opportunities of our professionals are at stake?

(4)

(b) Will he state that—

- (i) whether steps have been taken to update the MME list;
- (ii) if so, the names of the new institutions included in the list;
- (iii) whether the government has taken any steps on behalf of the Sri Lankan professionals who have lost jobs due to the unavailability of the aforesaid approval; and
- (iv) if so, the steps that have been taken?

(c) If not, why?

2.

43/20

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately on per year basis, of the number of representatives of local government bodies who participated in international training programmes on solid waste management in each year from 2010 to date;
- (ii) of the names of the aforesaid representatives and the names of the local government bodies they belong to;
- (iii) separately of the names of countries and cities where the aforesaid training programmes were held and the duration of each of those programmes;
- (iv) separately of the amount of money that was spent on participating in those training programmes; and
- (v) of the names of local government bodies which implemented programmes for solid waste management after their representatives had participated in such training programmes?

(b) If not, why?

3.

71/20

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action has been taken to construct a “Seva Piyasa” office for each Grama Niladhari division in the island;
- (ii) if so, the amount of money allocated for that purpose;
- (iii) the estimated amount of money for the construction of a single “Seva Piyasa” office; and
- (iv) the date on which this programmes is planned to be completed?

(b) If not, why?

4.

04/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken during the period of previous government to construct an airport in Mahaberiyaenna in Kandy district;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been planned to spend for that;
 - (iii) the number of acres of land that have been acquired for that project; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for construction work and land acquisition as of today?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether this project will be continued;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money expected to be spent for that; and
 - (iii) the date of completion according to the schedule?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

44/'20

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Wildlife Resources,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of institutions that take decisions pertaining to garbage, handle matters pertaining to garbage and come under the purview of the Ministry of Environment and Wildlife;
 - (ii) whether officers of these institutions have gone abroad on study tours related to the management of garbage from year 2010 up to now;
 - (iii) if so, of the names and designations of such officers along with details of their study tours abroad;
 - (iv) separately the amount of money spent on each of these educational activities; and
 - (v) of the manner in which the knowledge gained by the officers who participated in the aforementioned study tours has been utilized for the purposes of the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

(6)

6.

72/'20

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy and Policy Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the rate of unemployment in Ratnapura district on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis;
- (ii) of the solutions that would be provided to address the issue of unemployment in the aforesaid district;
- (iii) of the targets that are expected to be achieved through such solutions; and
- (iv) of the steps that have been taken to achieve those targets?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, January 23, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

5/'20

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development and Minister of Internal Trade, Food Security and Consumer Welfare and State Minister of Defence,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) National Building Research Organization has named Welikanda village in Kandy Urban Council area as a landslide prone area;
- (ii) villagers in Welikanda have been given loans to construct houses in Galaha estate in Hantana, Kandy;
- (iii) instead of the old steps, a road is being excavated in that area using heavy machinery; and
- (iv) proper permission has not been obtained to excavate soil in this manner?

(b) Will he state that—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to stop the excavation of that road;
- (ii) if so, how;
- (iii) whether steps will be taken against the persons who were engaged in this illegal activity; and
- (iv) if so, how?

(c) If not, why?

(7)

2.

45/'20

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the bridge situated near the 2nd mile post of the Badulla-Bandarawela road is in a state of disrepair;
- (ii) of the names of the villages which use this bridge as their access point; and
- (iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to repair this bridge while preserving its antique qualities?

(b) If not, why?

3.

73/'20

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that there is a stretch of paddy fields called Udakanda at Waleboda in Balangoda Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) the number of acres of this stretch of paddy fields;
- (iii) whether he is aware that this stretch of paddy fields has been fallow for a period of ten years by now due to the non-availability of water; and
- (iv) if so, the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to cultivate this stretch of paddy fields?

(b) If not, why?

4.

6/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) it has been difficult for Sri Lanka to alleviate poverty owing to social inequality and inequitable distribution of resources;
- (ii) professionals who are capable of meeting the current needs cannot be produced, as skills are not developed through the existing subject based education system;
- (iii) the system of delivery of justice in the legal mechanism does not happen properly;
- (iv) all of the above factors have a direct impact on the youth of the country;
- (v) this stressful mentality lead to young people resorting to various anti-social activities?

(8)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government has taken measures to direct the youth who drop out of school towards vocational training or any other avenues of formal livelihood;
- (ii) if so, what those measures are;
- (iii) whether it has been proposed to reform the school education to suit the job market; and
- (iv) if so, what those proposals are?

(c) If not, why?

5.

46/'20

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately of the irrigation systems belonging to the central government and provincial council available in the district of Badulla;
- (ii) separately per each Divisional Secretariat Division, the amount of paddy lands cultivated by the irrigation systems belonging to the central government;
- (iii) separately per each Divisional Secretariat Division, the amount of paddy lands cultivated by the irrigation systems belonging to the provincial council; and
- (iv) separately of the amount of money spent by the central government and the provincial council for the maintenance and reconstruction of the irrigation systems of the Badulla district from the year 2010 to date?

(b) If not, why?

6.

74/'20

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) there is an age-old place named Hathé Kanuwa Kadaveediya (which literally means “Seventh Post, Bazaar Street”) in existence in Liyangahawela in the Bandarawela Pradeshiya Sabha Area; and
- (ii) the Pradeshiya Sabha has not maintained this place properly during the past few years?

(b) Will he inform this House of the steps that the Ministry will take to get the Pradeshiya Sabha to develop this place?

(c) If not, why?

Friday, January 24, 2020

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

7/20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Information and Communication Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) media such as Tele dramas, Movies and Songs can be used to create ethnic unity and reconciliation in the country; and
- (ii) classical creations can be produced by developing a programme to direct the proficient persons in the relevant fields towards this end?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government has taken measures to produce creations of art aimed at reconciliation;
- (ii) if so, what those steps are?

(c) If not, why?

2.

47/20

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of vehicles that belong to the Bandarawela Municipal Council;
- (ii) the number of each of the aforesaid vehicles;
- (iii) the officers to whom each of the aforesaid vehicles has been assigned over along with the section to which they have been handed over;
- (iv) if the vehicles of the Municipal Council have been allocated over to other external institutions, the names of the officers to whom they have been handed over along with the intuitions to which they have been handed over;
- (v) if any irregularity has occurred when allocating over the vehicles of Bandarawela Municipal Council to other parties, the steps that will be taken by the Ministry in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

3.

75/'20

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Transport Service Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of railway compartments that has been removed from operation from 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) out of the number of compartments so removed, the number of compartments that has been repaired and added to the service;
 - (iii) the name of the institution that repaired those compartments;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for that; and
 - (v) whether he can submit the programme of the Ministry that has been prepared to add the rest of the compartments, that have been removed from operation, to the service again?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

8/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the government has made arrangements to provide Tabs to lecturers and undergraduates in the universities;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated for that;
 - (iii) whether tenders have been called for that;
 - (iv) if so, the institutions that submitted tenders;
 - (v) out of them, the name of the institution that was selected; and
 - (vi) the specifications that were set out at the calling of tenders?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether purchases have been made to provide Tabs to the persons mentioned in (a)(i) above; and
 - (ii) if so, the date he expects to provide Tabs to lecturers and undergraduates of all universities in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

48/20

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Pirivenas in Badulla district ;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid Pirivenas;
 - (iii) the number of students who study in each of the aforesaid Pirivenas along with the number of employees who work there, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry to enhance the Pirivena education in Badulla district?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

76/20

Hon. Hesha Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Mahaweli, Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the practice of permitting the people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields long time;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the opportunity that had been granted to people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields to build a house, has been denied to them; and
 - (iii) this has resulted in a large number of people in various parts of the country who do not possess dry lands becoming helpless?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of people who have forwarded applications to the Department of Agrarian Services seeking permission to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields, by now;
 - (ii) whether those people would be allowed to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields very soon; and
 - (iii) if so, from when?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, February 7, 2020

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

P. 1/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conducting a systematic study about King Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about King Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on King Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that King Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

2.

P. 2/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka within the country,— That this Parliament resolves that factories required for producing and refining the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka be established, functioning with proper management, efficiency and planning, the sugar industry be protected as the country possesses the resources required for the production of the sugar requirement.

3.

P. 3/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Raising the awareness of society about the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to plan and implement a national level programme to explain to the parents, teachers, sports coaches and school van drivers, the value of children in simple terms, through sociological and psychological methods and conduct a dialogue on how the child should be protected from social challenges for the future benefit of the country and the society.

4.

P. 4/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Eliminating intellectual poverty,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematically planned national program should be implemented covering all age groups in order to eliminate the intellectual poverty of the people in this country due to the fact that, even though intellectual poverty is a major problem prevailing in the country arising through ignorance, which has raised its head as a result of knowledge, intellect and systems of human values not reaching people in comparison with the speed at which the material commodities move and since there is less concern in the country regarding that.

5.

P. 7/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Centre for Parliamentary Studies,— That this Parliament resolves that a Centre for Parliamentary Studies be established within the Parliament Complex in order to facilitate school children, youths and other scholars to study the parliamentary procedures, history of Parliament and political systems of Sri Lanka and of various countries in the world.

6.

P. 8/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the impact caused to the health of children of Sri Lanka through the media,— That this Parliament resolves that, since non-communicable diseases such as obesity, heart diseases, high blood pressure are spreading among children due to the consumption of food items containing excessive amounts of glucose, fat and salt, necessary measures should be adopted to regulate the advertising pertaining to children's food since advertising carried out through the media targeting children is largely instrumental in coaxing them into consume such harmful food items.

7.

P. 9/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the problems faced by the people due to the complex global market,— That this Parliament resolves that there is a need for an awareness programme and an intellectual dialogue in this country to make people aware of how to lead a relieved lifestyle and solve the problems created by the complex life style formed within the market economy because the world trade pattern introduced by the globalization has invaded the human mind and the uprooting of traditional values and developed philosophies from the mindset of human beings has become a common factor among Sri Lankans.

8.

P. 10/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Building a healthy country by protecting the environment,— That this Parliament resolves that since it may be difficult even to diagnose the cause of certain diseases which people contract in the future in the face of the increased radiation in food and water due to increased environmental pollution in Sri Lanka, that the health of the people of the country be ensured through appointing a committee of academics to carry out further investigations in this regard, summoning a report from such committee, and implementing its recommendations.

9.

P. 11/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protecting agriculture to ensure the security of the country,— That this Parliament resolves that the future of this country should be secured by promoting sustainable agricultural practices and establishing state policies to protect farmers in the country with a view to rescuing Sri Lanka from the risks of environmental pollution, unhealthiness and lack of hygienic food which are the problems faced by the world population at present as the agricultural lifestyle has completely changed with the green revolution in the aftermath of the world war two which is the third period of capitalism.

10.

P. 12/'20

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Eradication of maternal and child malnutrition,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme which gives its priority to provide poor people with nutritious food that are necessary for the eradication of maternal and child malnutrition be implemented since the ratio of low-weight childbirths is as high as 25% in Sri Lanka and the main factor for it is the lack of nutritious food.

11.

P. 13/'20

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic level.

12.

P. 14/'20

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a mechanism to address issues related the profession of regional journalists,— That this Parliament resolves that a mechanism should be prepared to address the professional issues of regional journalists, who render an important service in providing information, which are pivotal for the development of a country.

13.

P. 15/'20

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Provision of relief to families in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela who lost their houses, lands and other property due to Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that, despite the lapse of a period of three years since the people in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela have lost their houses, lands and other property due to the digging of underground tunnels for Uma Oya Development Project, no compensation or relief has been provided so far to those displaced people and, therefore, a programme should be implemented to provide relief to those people.

14.

P. 16/'20

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Implementation of a programme to transport vegetables by train,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme should be implemented to transport the produce of vegetable farmers from the Badulla district and from other districts where vegetables are cultivated to the markets in other parts of the country by train with a low cost and minimum waste.

15.

P. 17/'20

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Provision of water facilities to the people who are facing scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited program should be implemented in order to provide water facilities for 8394 families of 07 Divisional Secretariat Divisions that encounter a severe scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development project.

16.

P. 18/'20

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Controlling floods in the Ratnapura district,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to control the floods that constantly affect the Ratnapura district during periods of inclement weather.

17.

P. 19/'20

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Safeguarding the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to safeguard the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation due to the fact that there is a risk of the inherent characteristics prevalent in many sectors such as art, sports in Sabaragamuwa becoming defunct at present as a result of commercialization.

18.

P. 20/'20

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Formulating a suitable programme to mitigate natural disasters in Ratnapura district,— That this Parliament resolves that some programme should be prepared to mitigate the natural disaster situations in Ratnapura district due to the fact that it has been pointed out by the reports issued by the National Building Research Organization that there are a number of places in Ratnapura district, which are at the risk of being affected by natural disasters.
